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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA TALKS: BOTHA AND FOURIE MEET WITH CG'S

UN-BASED MEMBERS

REF: CAPE TOWN 0943,

1. UNITED NATIONS-BASED MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP MET AT 4 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 9, WITH BOTHA AND FOURIE TO RESUME UN INVOLVEMENT DISCUSSION WHICH HAD ADJOURNED INCONCLUSIVELY EARLIER. MURRAY (UK) NOTED THAT WE HAD ALREADY GIVEN OUR GENERAL VIEWS ON ANTURE OF UN INVOLVEMENT, AT WHICH POINT BOTHA REPEATED OBJECTIONS VOICED INFORMALLY THAT UN MUST
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NOT GET INTO ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY.

2. MURRAY STATED THAT WE COULD PROVIDE SOME GENERAL ILLUSTRATIVE POINTS ON THE UN ROLE, BUT THAT SPECIFICS AWAITED DEVELOPMENT BY THE UN-SYG. WE WERE CURRENTLY EXAMINING UN PRECEDENTS, RECOGNIZING, OF COURSE, UNIQUENESS OF NAMIBIA. THE SYG WOULD HAVE TO SATISFY HIMSELF THAT:

A. ALL DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION WAS REPEALED;
B. PROPOSED ELECTORAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WERE FAIR;
C. NOTHING IMPEDED THAT FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL NAMIBIANS
IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS;
D. THERE WAS FULL FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, ASSEMBLY, ETC. AND
THAT THERE WAS EQUAL ACCESS TO MEDIA. (BOTHAS OBJECTED
STRENUOUSLY TO PROVISION OF TIME FOR ANY FACTION ON STATE-RUN
RADIO.);
E. THERE WAS NO INTIMIDATION BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE OR
MILITARY. (BOTHAS SAID HE'D LOSE HIS JOB AND THAT PERHAPS HE
SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN WASHINGTON, BUT SIGHED IN RESIGNATION
WHEN TOLD THIS ESSENTIAL TO LEND CREDIBILITY IN LIGHT OF
CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SA MILITARY.);
F. THE ELECTORAL ROLES AND REGISTRATION ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND
CORRECT;
G. ACTUAL VOTING AND REGISTRATION WERE CORRECT AND COMPREHENSIVE;
AND
H. ACTUAL BALLOTING IS SECRET, FREE OF IMPROPER INFLUENCE,
AND THE RESULTS PROPERLY COUNTED AND CERTIFIED.

3. THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF EACH POINT BUT IN
THE END BOTHAS UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER.

4. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF LARGER GROUP AT 4:45 PM, SMALL
GROUP RETURNED TO QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. MURRAY
REITERATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SAG DID NOT WAIT
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION OF JURISTS BEFORE
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RELEASING SOME PRISONERS. BESIDES CREATING GOOD WILL,
SAG COULD HELP TO REDUCE BURDEN ON JURISTS. BOTHAS TOOK
THE POINT BUT GAVE NO POSITION. ON JURISTS, GROUP THOUGHT
CONFUSION WITH GENEVA-BASED ICJ COULD BE ELIMINATED IF
NAMIBIA GROUP WERE CALLED SOMETHING ELSE, E.G., PANEL OF JURISTS.

5. MCHENRY RECALLED THAT SAG HAD PROMISED CONSIDER FAVORABLY
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S SUGGESTION THAT SOUTH AFRICAN-
HELD NAMIBIANS BE RETURNED TO NAMIBIA JAILS. FOURIE NOTED
THAT "JUSTICE" MINISTER KRUGER HAD PUBLICLY STATED APPROVAL
OF CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT FACILITIES NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL
COMPLETION OF NEW STRUCTURES. AT THIS POINT BOTHAS STARTED
LONG RECITATION THAT SAG DID NOT WANT TO BE CRITICIZED FOR
MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS FROM MODERN, CLEAN, ICRC-APPROVED
SAG PRISONS TO DIRTY AND INADEQUATE NAMIBIA JAILS*

6. MCHENRY SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SAG
WOULD PROVIDE PARTICULARS IN ITS POSSESSION ON NAMIBIANS
CURRENTLY DETAINED OR IMPRISONED, WHETHER HOLDER IS

SAG OR ANOTHER COUNTRY. BOTHA INITIALLY SUGGESTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD PROVIDED INFO LAST YEAR ON NAMIBIANS IT HELD, BUT SEEMED TO BACK OFF WHEN TOLD THAT WE HAD RECORDS OF REQUESTS BUT NO FULFILLMENT. SAG WILL LOOK INTO THE MATTER.BOWDLER

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